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SUBJECT: FRANCE NOT READY TO COMMIT TO MYERS FOR ICSC

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(SBU) On August 24 and subsequently, Poloff discussed reftel demarche on the candidacy of Ms. Lucretia F. Myers for the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) with Emmanuel Cocher, MFA Director for United Nations institutional issues. Cocher confirmed September 8 that Myers' candidacy had only recently been raised for internal discussion, and there was wide agreement that she was well-qualified for the position. Cocher went so far as to say that Myers could be considered "a priori France's choice," but added that it was too early for the government to confirm its vote for a specific candidate. He clarified that there were still "strategic" discussions to be held on how France will vote for a wide range of candidates, suggesting that there are yet deals to be made related to other IO races.
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